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**OMB's E-Gov Administrator Karen Evans to Receive Distinguished Service Award from the Harvard Policy Group on Network-Enabled Services and Government**

**Cambridge, MA**– Karen Evans, Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government and Information Technology at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Harvard Policy Group on Network-Enabled Services and Government (HPG) at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. The award will be presented on March 21<sup>st</sup> during a dinner event for Harvard's "Cross-Boundary Governance through Agreements and Standards" executive practice session.

"I want to congratulate Karen Evans on this award that recognizes her leadership and commitment to making government work more effective," said Clay Johnson, Deputy Director for Management, OMB. "Karen's work on E-government and Information Technology has improved services to the American people and made government information and services more transparent and accountable. What Karen sets her mind to, Karen achieves."

Evans oversees implementation of Information Technology throughout the Federal government, including establishing the policies by which the approximately \$65 billion dollars are spent yearly on Federal IT investments; overseeing the development of enterprise architectures within and across agencies; leading the activities of the Chief Information Officer's (CIO) Council; and overseeing various interagency collaborations. She also has responsibilities in the areas of capital planning and investment control, information security, privacy, accessibility of IT for persons with disabilities, and access to, dissemination of, and preservation of government information. Prior to becoming Administrator, Evans was the Chief Information Officer for the Department of Energy.

The March 21-22 Harvard session "Cross-Boundary Governance through Agreements and Standards," during which the award ceremony will take place, will explore the challenges of cross-organizational information sharing, service delivery, and partnerships facing governments and industries in the coming years and will be attended by senior practitioners in government, industry, and academia.

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